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ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN NEPAL

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Three major roads, apparently for internal development, are under construction in central and southeastern Nepal (Figure 1), according to photography of [REDACTED]. The roads are reportedly being constructed with assistance from both Communist and non-Communist countries.

The Pokhara-Butwal road, partly following the Phusre, Andhi, and Kali river valleys in central Nepal, is in a late stage of construction. Bridges over the larger rivers and streams are not complete, and sections of the road are still undergoing final surfacing. When complete, the road will probably have a gravel surface with an all-weather capability and will connect the central portion of Nepal with the Indian plains.

The Kathmandu-Pokhara road, generally following the Agra, Trisuli, and Marsyandi river valleys in central Nepal, is in varying stages of construction. Except for bridging, the eastern half of the road is complete. There is only intermittent construction along the western half. Construction of this road began in [REDACTED] with Chinese assistance.

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The Amlekhganj-Goralal road in southeastern Nepal is a major segment of the projected east-west road network which will run the length of the country. This 190-nautical-mile (nm) road, paralleling the Indian border and generally skirting the Himalayan foothills, is in early- to mid-stages of construction. Only the westernmost 10-nm segment is serviceable. Construction is continuous except for 10 nm and, in places, follows the alignment of an abandoned rail bed. A short branch road is under construction from the main road to Janakpur, a railhead near the Indian border.

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Construction of the Amlekhganj-Goralal road was observed on photography as early as [REDACTED] but since then has progressed at a slow rate. The western portion of the road is being built with Soviet assistance and the eastern portion with Indian assistance. A bridge in very early stages of construction, a construction camp, and a portion of the road are shown on Figure 2.

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FIGURE 2. ROAD CONSTRUCTION, AMLEKHGANJ-GORALAL ROAD, NEPAL

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